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1. Between 15 February and 6 March 1954, firing practices and small-scale field exercises were held in the Templin area. Tank units transferred to Kannenburg and Vogelsang, while Camp Hammelspring was still vacant. The Templin-Zehdenick and Templin-Frenzlau roads were heavily rutted by tank tracks.

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2. Between 15 and 20 February, small-scale exercises were held in the Fuerstenberg area, with a total of about 800 troops participating. Units involved included infantry and tank units from Vogelsang, the latter equipped with 17 tanks of various types.
3. Military shipments observed in Templin between 20 February and 6 March included:

20 February. At 1 p.m., 42 trucks occupied by troops.

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and 6 four-wheel armored scout cars passed through Templin, coming from the direction of Kannenburg. Six of the trucks mounted a heavy machine gun.

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21 February. At 4 p.m., a train carrying 8 JS-1 or JS-2 tanks and 37 trucks passed through Templin, coming from the direction of Vogelsang and proceeding toward Frenzlau or Eberswalde.

25 February. At 7 p.m., entraining of 7 JS-1 tanks, which had arrived from Camp Kannenburg.

5 March. At 7:30 p.m., detraining of 17 T-34/85 tanks and 14 trucks, which allegedly arrived from Frenzlau and left toward Hammelspring.

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6 March. At 1:30 a.m., a tank unit with 17 tanks and 3 trucks passed through Templin. [redacted] the unit had come from the direction of Prenzlau and proceeded toward Hammelspring.

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Comment. Although units of the 25th Tank Div were entrained in Prenzlau and Templin on 5 and 6 March for exercises in the Mirow-Neuruppin area [redacted]

the units of the division from Prenzlau and Vogelsang continued their advanced combat practice firing at the Templin troop training grounds until 6 March.

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According to several indications, units of the 6th Gds Mech Div may have also participated in the firing practice. The exercises, probably of headquarters units of the Second Gds Mech Army, which had been observed in the Fuerstenberg area prior to mid-February, presumably continued until 20 February. [redacted]

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